

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of September 11, 2008. A typographical amendment is made to claim 6. No new matter is introduced. Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application.

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I. The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed on the ground that all three invention groups identified by the Examiner could most conveniently be examined together in the present application without undue burden on the Examiner.

In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicants elect the compound 7-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-phenyl-5-trifluoromethylbenzimidazole. This is the compound of Example 5 in the specification. Claims 1-7 are believed to read on the elected species of invention.

An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions concerning the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

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